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\$140,000 Order Issued to V-M Enterprises, Inc., dba Crocker Plating Works

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that it has issued an enforcement order to V-M Enterprises, Inc., dba Crocker Plating Works (V-M) for hazardous waste violations at its 5908 Crocker Street facility in Los Angeles, California. V-M generates and treats hazardous waste at its facility.

V-M has corrected the violations. The order, issued on June 16, 2006, assesses a penalty of \$140,000 for the violations found during the inspection on Oct. 27, 2004.

Some of the violations observed included:

- Failing to provide secondary containment for hazardous waste treatment tanks used to hold and treat corrosive and metal-bearing hazardous wastes;
- Failing to determine the hazardous characteristics of, and maintaining hazardous waste analysis records of, hazardous wastes generated at the facility; and
- Failing to prepare a written and certified hazardous waste tank system assessment.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.